WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Appointment of Post Graduate Teachers in Regional Languages in Navodaya Vidyalayas

*736. PROF. (SMT) SAVITHRI LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Post-graduate Teachers in regional languages are appointed in Navodaya Vidyalayas;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether in service courses are being conducted for the other teachers in regional languages;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b). Post Graduate Teachers are required for teaching classes XI and XII. In the Navodaya Vidyalayas, the regional languages (other than Hindi) are taught only upto class X. Hence Post Graduate teachers in Hindi are appointed for classes XI and XII.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) From 1988-89 to 1990-91, sixteen in-service courses have been conducted for other teachers in regional languages, besides one for Post Graduate Teacher in Hindi.

(e) Does not arise.

Central University in Assam

*737. SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up a Central University in the Bark Valley of Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the University is likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (c). Legislation for the establishment of a teaching and affiliating Central University at Silchar in Assam was enacted in May, 1989. The jurisdiction of the University extends to the whole State. All colleges situated in the districts of Cachar, Karimaganj, North Cachar Hills and Karbi Anglong shall stand affiliated to the University from the commencement of the Act.

The State Government has been requested to make land and other infrastructural facilities available at Silchar for starting the University.

Dreaded Disease in M.P

*738 SHRI M.V CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY:
SHRI C.P. MUDALA GIRIYAPPA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Dreaded disease kills one in M.P." appearing in the Hindustan Times dated August 16,1991;

(b) if so, whether a new dreaded disease 'Kaposi Sarcome' which is found only in Africa has reached the country and is believed to be incurable;

(c) if so, the number of persons who have so far died due to this disease;

(d) whether the Union Government propose to send a team of expert doctors to Madhya Pradesh to find out the exact cause of the disease; and

(e) the steps, the Union Government propose to take to check the spread of this disease in Madhya Pradesh and other neighbouring States?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M.L. FOTEDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Kaposi's Sarcoma has been reported sporadically from various countries of the world. However, its incidence is highest in African countries and U.S.A This disease is responsive to drugs and can be cured through proper treatment.

(d) and (e). The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) have sought all the details of the case of Shri Ganesh Somvar for reviewing the diagnosis and taking further appropriate action.

National Literacy Year

[*Translation*]

*739. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether 1990 was celebrated as National Literacy Yea:;

(b) if so, the number of persons covered during this period and the target fixed for the current year, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to associate literacy with rural employment, agricultural development, farm- labourer training and health awareness;

(d) if so, the details made during the last three yeas in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken for achieving cent percent literacy and the details of expenditure to be incurred thereon during the current year, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) The year 1990 was observed as the International Literacy Year.

(b) A statement showing state-wise the number of persons reported to have been enrolled in the adult education programme during 1990-91 is attached. Besides, total literacy campaigns covering about 20.00 million illiterates were also initiated in 42 districts during that year. Though no specific target has been fixed for the current year, it is proposed to cover 25-30 additional districts under the total literacy campaigns during 1991-92, besides implementation of the ongoing centre based programmes in an area approach mode.

(c) & (d). The National Literacy Mission aims at imparting functional literacy to the adult illiterates which implies that apart from the learners, achieving self-reliance in liter-